Intermediate division of the Public Service.

145. *MR. P. S. MOHAMED : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the number of officers in the intermediate division in each department of public service separately ?

MR. S. N. URE : The time and labour involved in collecting the information are incommensurate with the benefit derivable.

Muslims in the Excise Department.

146. * P. S. MOHAMED : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement of the number of Excise Inspectors and preventive officers with the number of Muslims among them separately ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Secretary to Government*) : A *statement is laid on the table.

Higher studies in Post-war Reconstruction scheme.

147. * P. O. THOMAS : Will the Government be pleased to place on the table ;

(*a*) a list of the persons who are recommended by them to be sent to foreign countries for higher studies in the Post-war Reconstruction scheme ; and

(*b*) the list of applicants for the same with the communities to which they belong ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : *A* †list is placed on the table.

(*b*) The time and labour involved are not commensurate with the usefulness of the list asked for.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the candidates chosen include those without Engineering qualifications ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The candidates include those who have not got Engineering qualifications because there are certain places which do not require engineering qualifications.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : Will the Government be pleased to state whether there were candidates with engineering qualifications for Communication Engineering ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : Communication engineering includes also Radio Engineering and Telephone Engineering. For Radio Engineering there are other qualifications as well, not necessarily a degree in engineering.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : What were the qualifications that were considered in choosing these candidates ?

Vide Appendix III p. 327.

† *Vide* Appendix IV p. 328.

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